

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Paniolo Preservation Society was founded in 1998 to increase statewide awareness of the significance of Hawai'i's ranching industry and the traditions and contributions of the paniolo (Hawaiian cowboy); and

WHEREAS, the Paniolo Preservation Society established a museum in 2011 at its Heritage Center at Pukalani Stables on Parker Ranch, honored seven ranch women at its 2018 event "Ranch Women of the Far West," and dedicated a pā'ū museum to "Nā Wahine Holo Lio" in 2019 to honor horsewomen across the state; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, Waimea horsewoman Anna Lindsey Perry-Fiske envisioned and successfully organized a pageant which she named "Old Hawai'i on Horseback," featuring majestic horses, riders in elegant period costumes, dignitaries from across the State portraying Hawaiian monarchs, ship captains bearing gifts of horses and cattle, and influential political figures in Hawaiian history; and

WHEREAS, the Paniolo Preservation Society continues the legacy of Old Hawai'i on Horseback by sharing the stories, preserving the traditions and educating the public about Hawai'i's rich paniolo history; and

WHEREAS, after an absence of more than one decade, the Old Hawai'i on Horseback pageant returns with nearly 100 accomplished riders, including elegantly-draped pā'ū riders; and

WHEREAS, the Paniolo Preservation Society will recreate Old Hawai'i On Horseback at the Waiki'i Ranch Polo Field on September 14, 2019, culminating a two-year commitment to capture historic moments in Hawai'i's ranching industry and honor horsewomen, the Nā Wahine Holo Lio, throughout the State;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 14, 2019 as

"Nā Wahine Holo Lio Old Hawai'i on Horseback Day"

on Hawai'i Island and invite the people of the Aloha State to join us in celebrating Nā Wahine Holo Lio and their beautiful history of Hawai'i on horseback.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fifth day of September 2019.

Joshua B. GREEN

Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i

DAVID Y. IGE

Governor. State of Hawai'i